

**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

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## PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS STUDY

SAND HILL BLUFF AND FIVE MILE BEACH  
NORTH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Dear Coastal Visitor or Resident:

Attached is a Questionnaire and a Fact Sheet briefly describing the framework and purpose of a Prescriptive Rights Study.

The State of California is investigating uses made of the trail/road system and beach on parcels APN 059-023-07 and 08 (Sand Hill Bluff LLC), two parcels which make up most of the area named Sand Hill Bluff in North Santa Cruz County. The parcels are between Highway 1 and the sea. Trails and farm roads run along the bluff edge from Laguna Creek Beach to 5-Mile Beach and from Coast Road to 5-Mile Beach. We have attached to the questionnaire graphics showing the area of the parcels and the surrounding area

The investigation is for the purpose of determining whether any public rights exist on the parcels by reason of past public use. If you have any knowledge about such use of that area, please take a few moments to fill out, sign and return the enclosed Questionnaire and Declaration. A return-addressed envelope is provided for your convenience. If you are downloading this electronically, please sign and mail the original to the undersigned at the above address.

We recognize that the Questionnaire, with its accompanying maps, may appear somewhat complicated. However, furnishing the requested information is critical to the determination of whether there has been sufficient use of the area to establish public rights of use.

Direct any questions or additional comments to Joy Chase at 831-427-4865 or email [jchase@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:jchase@coastal.ca.gov). Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study.

Very truly yours,

Joy Chase  
Coastal Access Analyst

Enclosures

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PUBLIC USE QUESTIONNAIRE AND DECLARATION  
PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS STUDY  
SAND HILL BLUFF AND 5-MILE BEACH, NORTH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The State of California is investigating uses made of APN 059-023-07 and 08 in the Sand Hill Bluff/Five Mile Beach area of North Santa Cruz County for the purpose of determining whether any public rights exist therein by reason of public use. Your answers to this Questionnaire and Declaration will be appreciated.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Office): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you personally and openly used any of the area shown on the attached photograph, map or diagram? \_\_\_\_ If so, since what date? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please mark the areas of your use on the enclosed photograph, map or diagram and date and sign the same. In marking the photograph, map or diagram, please try to pinpoint the locations and indicate the types of use and approximate dates.
3. Please describe the uses you have made of this area (for example: surfing, whale watching, boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, picnicking, parking, skin diving, access to water or beach, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Approximately how many times have you used this area? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did you ever ask for and receive permission to use the area? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Did anyone ever interfere in any way with your use? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you observed others using this area? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, for what purposes? \_\_\_\_\_

I have seen such member of the general public:

Whenever I was there: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequently: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasionally:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rarely: \_\_\_\_\_ Never: \_\_\_\_\_

On these occasions, usually there were approximately \_\_\_\_\_  
people present on any one occasion (indicate number or range.)

8. Do you know the names of the other people who have used this area? If so, please list them with their addresses and telephone numbers, if known.

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9. Do you possess or know of the existence and/or whereabouts of items such as photographs, logs, diaries, notebooks, letters, etc. relating to your use of the area or the uses of other people? Is so, please describe the items and list the name of parties or locations where such items can be found.

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10. Did you make use of this area as you would public property? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Have you ever observed any no trespassing signs or equivalent signs, or signs giving permission to utilize the property? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and where? \_

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12. Have you ever lived or worked in this vicinity? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and where?

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I declare under penalty of perjury that any answers to the foregoing Questionnaire and Declaration are true and correct to the best of my recollection.

Dated at: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State Date

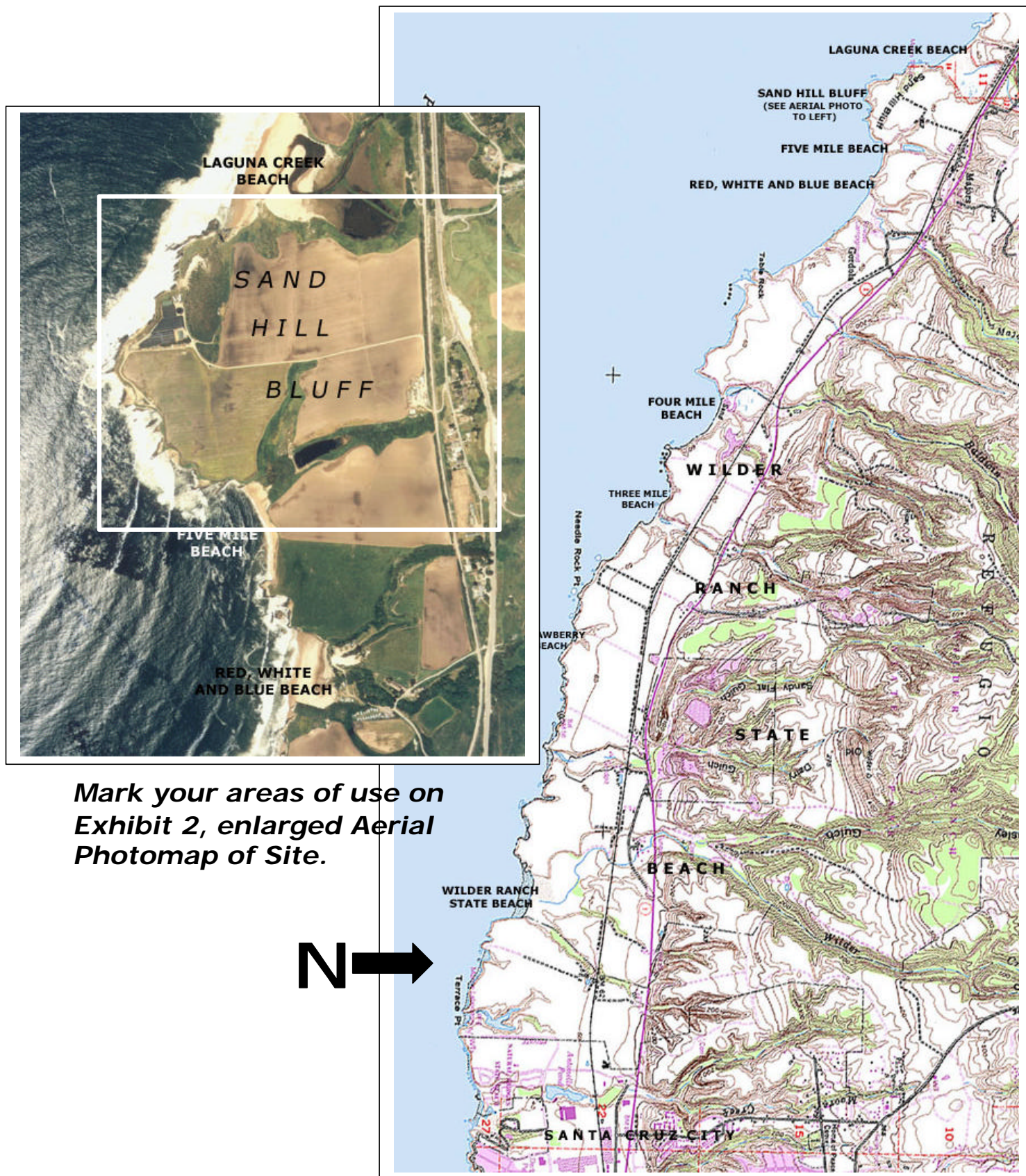
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***The information contained in this questionnaire is subject to public disclosure and will not be kept confidential unless requested by the signatory in writing.***

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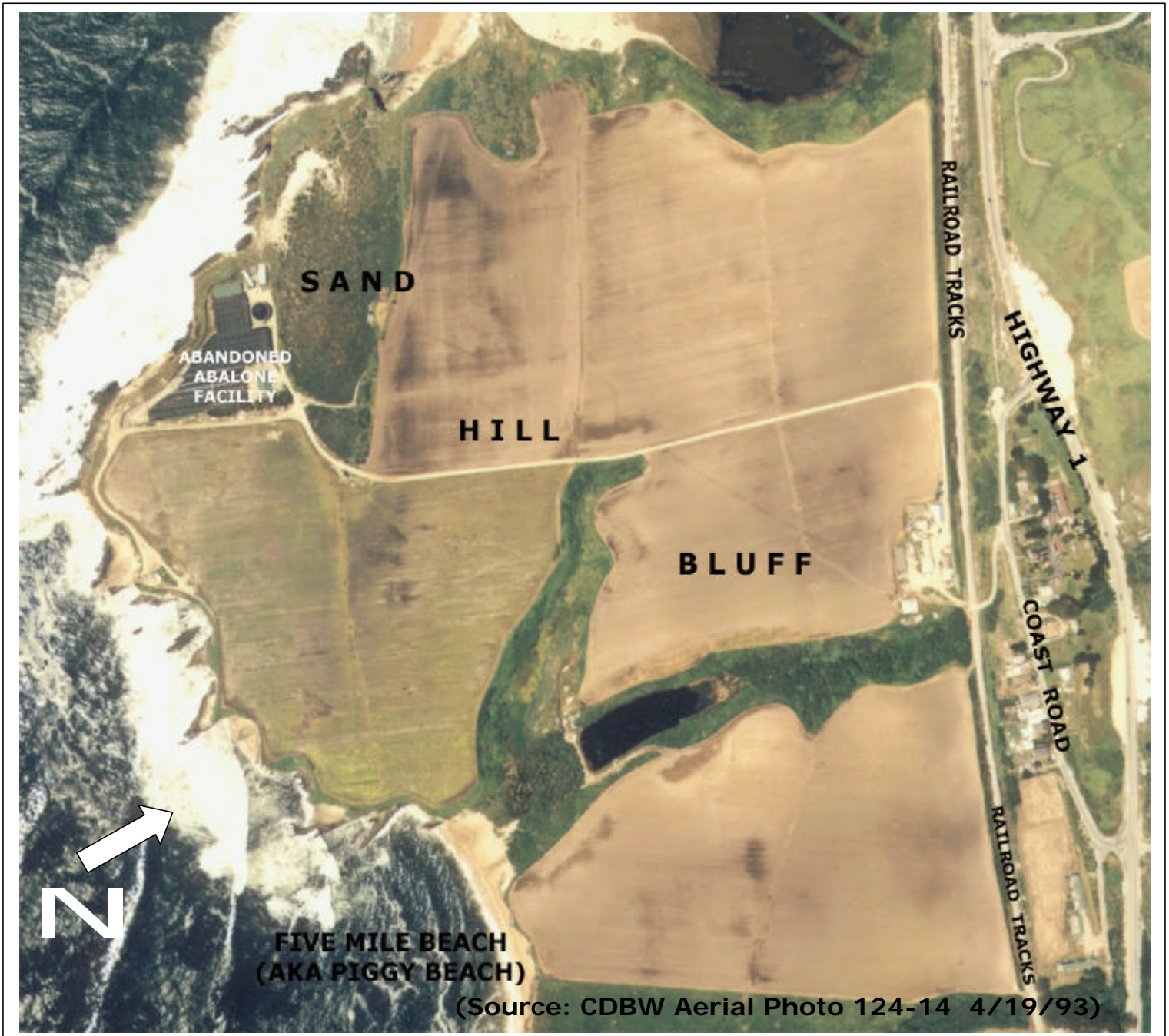
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LOCATION MAP EXHIBIT 1



California Coastal Commission Prescriptive Rights Study Public Use Questionnaire  
SAND HILL BLUFF AND FIVE MILE BEACH, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
AERIAL PHOTOMAP OF SITE EXHIBIT 2

***Please mark your areas of use on this photomap.***



Have you personally and openly used any of the area shown on the above aerial photomap? Please mark your areas of use on the map. Mark where you parked, the trails you used, the bluff or beach areas you stopped at and any other sites of use. Try to pinpoint the locations and indicate the types of use (hiking, picnicking, whale watching, surfing, sunning, birds watching, parking, etc.) and approximate dates. Please sign and date below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_